St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Section Map: Gordon Dam to Riverside Landing



This section map provides information for the 23.5 mile section of the St. Croix River between Gordon Dam and Riverside Landing. For specific information on water levels, area outfitters, or to speak with a park ranger, contact the Namekagon Visitor Center, Box 100, Trego, WI, 54888, (715) 635-8346. Information is also available at Riverway headquarters, (715) 483-3284, ext. 638. Or look up information on the Riverway website: www.nps.gov/sacn. Additional handouts describing canoeing and camping within the Riverway are available at Riverway centers, or download handouts from the Riverway website.

For Your Safety

Water Levels

The water level in this section fluctuates depending on precipitation levels and time of year. Contact the Namekagon Visitor Center, or the park website, www.nps.gov/sacn/trip/river_levels.html, for updated water levels and canoeing conditions.

Hazards

Overhanging trees that have fallen into the water, and bridge piers, can overturn a canoe and trap canoers underwater. Be alert. Your water-filled canoe can pin you against obstacles. Coppermine Dam must be portaged when water levels are low.

Life Jackets

Wearable personal floatation devices (PFDs) are required onboard vessels for <u>each</u> person. Children under 13 years of age must wear a properly fitting PFD when your vessel is moving. Vessels include motor boats, canoes, and kayaks.

Parking

Lock your vehicle and take valuables with you. Obey parking signs and do not block landings.

Ticks

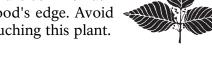
Ticks are found along the Riverway. Learn the symptoms for Lyme disease. Bring repellent for ticks and mosquitoes.

Drinking Water

Tap drinking water is provided at some landings. See the map on reverse side for locations. River water must be treated. Purify water by heating it to a rolling boil for at least 1 minute. Portable water filters are less reliable. For best tasting water, bring your own.

Poison Ivy

The three, shiny, large-toothed leaves of poison ivy are common at wood's edge. Avoid touching this plant.



Protect Your Riverway

Trash

Carry out all trash. Bring a trash bag. Do not dispose of trash in toilets or fire rings.

Glass Containers

Glass beverage containers are prohibited at the Riverway.

Restrooms

Primitive toilets are available at campsites and landings. If toilets are not available, bury human waste 6 inches deep, and at least 100 feet away from the river and campsites.

Jet skis are prohibited.

Erosion

Help prevent riverbank erosion. Sand banks are fragile and often are turtle nesting sites. Please keep off.

Mussels

Mussels, also known as freshwater clams, and their empty shells are protected. Some species are endangered. Please do not disturb them.

Camping

Camping is permitted in designated sites only. There is a one night limit at each site. Please read the National Park Service handout titled "Camping" for more information.

Fires

Use a stove for cooking. You may collect dead and down wood for campfires, except from islands. Build them only in metal fire rings.

